

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A portable cargo loading/unloading ramp for freight trucks ~~and the like~~ comprising:

a first ramp section;

a second ramp section hingedly connected to said first ramp section;

a support leg assembly comprising two spaced apart leg members connected to each other and hingedly connected to at least one of the ramp sections and ~~adapted~~ operable to be moved between a working position and ~~non[[]]working positions~~ a stored position of said ~~ramp~~ support leg assembly;

rollers mounted on respective ones of said leg members, a brake shoe member mounted on each of said leg members and operable to be forcibly engaged with said rollers, respectively, to effect braking action thereon;

brake actuator members operably connected to said brake shoe members, respectively, and engageable with cam means on said second ramp section to effect operation of said brake shoe members to release forcible engagement with said rollers, respectively, in response to movement of said second ramp section from a working position to a stored position of said second ramp section; and

a latch mechanism disposed on said support leg assembly and including a latch member mounted for movement for engagement with a catch mounted on said first ramp section for locking said support leg assembly in a said working position of said support leg assembly and responsive to manipulation by

an operator of said ramp to move to a position for unlatching said support leg assembly for rotation to a said stored position of said support leg assembly.

2. (original) The ramp set forth in Claim 1 including:
support rollers mounted on said first ramp section adjacent an end of said first ramp section opposite an end which is hingedly connected to said second ramp section.

3. (currently amended) The ramp set forth in Claim 1 including:

at least one manipulating handle disposed on said support leg assembly for grasping by an operator of said ramp to move said ramp ~~between a stored position and a working position of said ramp.~~

4. (currently amended) The ramp set forth in Claim 1 including:

at least one manipulating handle disposed on said second ramp section for grasping by an operator of said ramp for moving said second ramp section between said stored position of said second ramp section and a said working position ~~with respect to said first of said second~~ ramp section.

5. (currently amended) The ramp set forth in Claim 1 including:

at least one manipulating handle supported on said first ramp section adjacent an end of said first ramp section opposite an end which is hingedly connected to said second ramp section for manipulating said first ramp section ~~to move between a stored position and a working position of said first ramp section.~~

6. (original) The ramp set forth in Claim 5 wherein:

said first ramp section includes manipulating handles mounted opposite each other on opposite sides of said first ramp section.

7. (original) The ramp set forth in Claim 1 wherein:
at least one of said ramp sections is formed by spaced apart, elongated, substantially parallel support rails and a plurality of deck plates disposed between said rails and secured thereto, respectively, to form said at least one ramp section.

8. (original) The ramp set forth in Claim 7 wherein:
said rails comprise opposed flanges, a web and a channel formed in said web for receiving opposite sides of said deck plates.

9. (original) The ramp set forth in Claim 8 wherein:
said flanges of said rails are formed to have a continuous curved shape to facilitate manipulating said ramp by operating personnel.

10. (canceled)

11. (original) The ramp set forth in Claim 1 including:
ramp locating bosses disposed on said first ramp section adjacent one end thereof.

12. (original) The ramp set forth in Claim 1 including:
spaced apart slides disposed on said second ramp section for engagement with a wall of a storage compartment during movement of said ramp therein.

13. (currently amended) A portable cargo loading/unloading ramp for freight trucks ~~and the like~~ comprising:

a first ramp section;

a second ramp section hingedly connected to said first ramp section and movable between a working position and a stored position of said second ramp section;

a support leg assembly hingedly connected to at least one of the ramp sections and movable independent of said second ramp section between a working position of said support leg assembly for supporting said ramp and a stored position of said support leg assembly;

roller means mounted on said support leg assembly and engageable with a support surface in a said working position of said support leg assembly;

a brake shoe on said support leg assembly engageable with said roller means;

a brake actuator responsive to movement of said second ramp section to ~~its~~ said working position of said second ramp section to cause braking engagement of said brake shoe with said roller means; and

manipulating handle means disposed on at least one of said ramp sections and said support leg assembly for manipulating said ramp between working and stored positions of said ramp.

14. (original) The ramp set forth in Claim 13 including:

support rollers mounted on said first ramp section adjacent an end of said first ramp section opposite an end which is hingedly connected to said second ramp section.

15. (currently amended) The ramp set forth in Claim 13 wherein:

said handle means comprises at least one manipulating handle disposed on said support leg assembly for grasping by an operator of said ramp to move said ramp between a said stored position and a said working position of said ramp.

16. (currently amended) The ramp set forth in Claim 13 wherein:

said handle means comprises at least one manipulating handle disposed on said second ramp section for grasping by an operator of said ramp for moving said second ramp section between said stored position of said second ramp section and a said working position of said second ramp section ~~with respect to said first ramp section.~~

17. (currently amended) The ramp set forth in Claim 13 wherein:

said handle means comprises at least one manipulating handle supported on said first ramp section adjacent an end of said first ramp section opposite an end which is hingedly connected to said second ramp section for manipulating said first ramp section ~~to move between a stored position and a working position of said ramp.~~

18. (original) The ramp set forth in Claim 17 wherein:

said first ramp section includes manipulating handles mounted opposite each other on opposite sides of said first ramp section.

19. (original) The ramp set forth in Claim 13 including:

ramp locating bosses disposed on said first ramp section adjacent one end thereof.

20. (original) The ramp set forth in Claim 13 including:
spaced apart slides disposed on said second ramp
section for engagement with a wall of a storage compartment
during movement of said ramp therein.

21. (canceled)

22. (currently amended) A portable cargo
loading/unloading ramp for freight trucks ~~and the like~~
comprising:

- a first ramp section;
- a second ramp section hingedly connected to said
first ramp section and movable between a folded position
overlying said first ramp section and a working position of
said second ramp section; and
- a support leg assembly hingedly connected to at
least one of said ramp sections and adapted to be moved
independent of said second ramp section, ~~between working and
non-working positions of said ramp~~[[,]] said support leg
assembly including ground engaging rollers disposed thereon
and roller brake mechanism responsive to movement of said
second ramp section to a said working position of said second
ramp section to apply braking forces to said rollers.

23. (previously presented) The ramp set forth in Claim
22 wherein:

said rollers are mounted on respective ones of two
spaced apart support leg members, and said brake mechanism
comprises a brake shoe member mounted on respective ones of
said support leg members and operable to be forcibly engaged
with said rollers, respectively, to effect braking action
thereon, and brake actuator members operably connected to said
brake shoe members, respectively, and engageable with cam
means on said second ramp section to effect operation of said
brake shoe members to release forcible engagement with said
rollers, respectively, in response to movement of said second
ramp section with respect to said first ramp section.

24. (previously presented) The ramp set forth in Claim 23 wherein:

said support leg members comprise elongated tubular members, respectively, and said brake shoe members and said brake actuator members are slidably mounted on said support leg members for movement between brake engaged and disengaged positions.

25. (previously presented) The ramp set forth in Claim 24 including:

spring means engaged with said brake actuator members for biasing said brake shoe members into engagement with said rollers, respectively.